

Mesquite Flat Sand Dunes, Death Valley National Park.

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# SITUATION SUMMARY

## Significant Events - National

# Time to 'turn the page' and help middle class

(Reuters) President Barack Obama struck a defiant tone for his dealings with the new Republican-led Congress on Tuesday, calling on his opponents to raise taxes on the rich and threatening to veto legislation that would challenge his key decisions. Dogged by an ailing economy since the start of his presidency six years ago, Obama appeared before a joint session of Congress for his State of the Union speech in a confident mood, buoyed by an economic revival that has trimmed the jobless rate to 5.6 percent and eager to use this as a mandate. In sum, President Obama appeared liberated: no longer having to face American voters again after his election victories in 2008 and 2012, a point that he reminded Republicans about.

## U.S. Outpost in Cuba to Step Out of the Shadows

(NY Times) The American government's main outpost in Cuba, for decades a hulking symbol of the tensions between the two countries, is supposed to become something else: a full-fledged embassy operating in the open for the first time in more than five decades. Fidel Castro called the building a "nest of spies," routinely marshaling tens of thousands of people to protest at its doorstep. His government even made a television mini-series with what it called images of American diplomats lurking in a forest nearby, dropping off suspicious bags and marking benches in acts of espionage. Since 1997, the United States has run it as an "interests section" to process visas, hold cultural events and keep some communication flowing between the two estranged neighbors. This week, as part of the détente between the nations, the Obama administration is sending the highest-ranking delegation of American officials to the island in nearly 40 years to restart diplomatic relations and set the stage to reopen the interests sections as embassies in the coming months.

# **SITUATION SUMMARY**

## **Significant Events - International**

# **Boko Haram leader claims Baga attack**

(Al Jazeera) Boko Haram's leader has claimed a massive attack on the northeast Nigerian town of Baga and threatened Niger, Chad and Cameroon in a new video published online. Abubakar Shekau's message came on Tuesday as Nigeria and its neighbors met in Niger's capital, Niamey, to discuss a regional response to the threat and Chadian troops headed to Cameroon to help repel repeated attacks by the Nigerian armed group. The fighters burnt large parts of the town to the ground and razed at least 16 surrounding settlements, forcing tens of thousands to flee their homes, many of them into Chad and Niger.

## Tel Aviv passengers stabbed

(BBC News) Israeli police say they have shot a Palestinian man from the West Bank who stabbed at least 10 people in an attack on a bus in central Tel Aviv. The incident occurred on Maariv bridge where the suspect attacked people both on and outside the bus, police said. Police say they are treating the incident as a terrorist attack. The perpetrator attempted to flee the scene following the attack, and was lightly wounded after being shot in the leg, a police spokeswoman said. Three of the victims were in a serious condition, with four others in a moderate condition and three lightly wounded, according to the ambulance services.

# **SITUATION SUMMARY**

# **Weather of Concern**

• No significant Weather Watches or Warnings are in effect.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County: <a href="http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/wwa\_bc\_cal.php">http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/wwa\_bc\_cal.php</a>

# Cal EOC Incident - 2014 Drought

SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought



# **WEATHER**

## **WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:**

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:

### **Eureka Weather:**

High pressure over the North Coast will maintain dry weather conditions through the weekend.

### **Medford Weather:**

As a ridge weakens and moves east tonight and Thursday, a west to southwest flow aloft will develop and there will be an increase in moisture. Friday, ridging will already be redeveloping and it will continue to build over the weekend.

### **Reno Weather:**

High pressure building over the eastern Pacific this week will expand over the West Coast by the weekend. Weak valley inversions will contribute toward slightly cooler temperatures today followed by a warming trend and high temperatures reaching 10 to 15 degrees above normal for the weekend. A chance of rain showers is forecast next Tuesday, but overall dry conditions are expected to prevail through the end of January.

### San Francisco Weather:

Seasonable temperatures today and Thursday as dry weather continues. Stronger high pressure will build Friday and through the weekend with temperatures trending several degrees above normal with record warmth possible over the weekend. The ridge will shift eastward on Monday then by Monday night or Tuesday a chance of showers returns to the forecast as a system from the south approaches the state.

# **WEATHER**

## **WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:**

### CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

### Sacramento Weather:

Dry weather with areas of late night/morning valley fog expected this week. Temperatures expected to remain above to well above normal through the extended period. Potential wet weather by the middle of next week.

### **Hanford Weather:**

High pressure will keep mainly clear skies and above normal temperatures over the higher elevations today while the San Joaquin Valley will see a continuation of cooler temperatures under mostly cloudy skies as an inversion persists. A cool northerly flow will mix out the low level moisture on Thursday and Friday.

### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:**

## Los Angeles Weather:

Increasing offshore flow will bring sunny skies and locally breezy conditions along with a warming trend through Sunday. A low pressure system will bring clouds, cooler afternoon temperatures, and a chance of rain early next week.

# Extreme Southwestern California Including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:

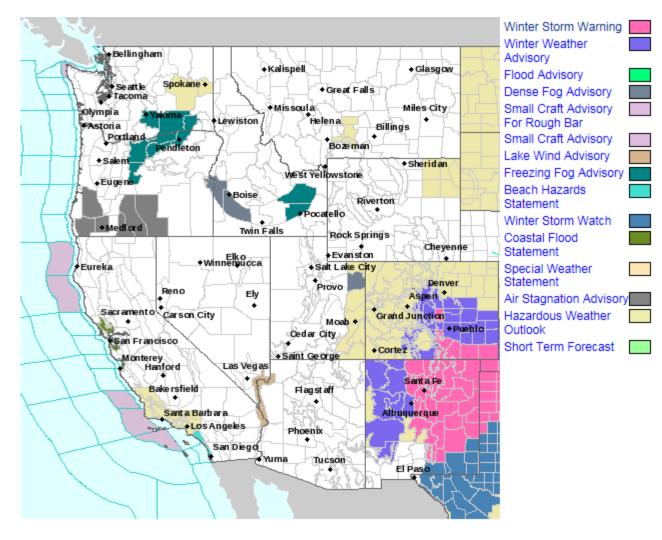
A deep marine layer with extensive low clouds in the coastal basin will be replaced by dry northeast flow and sunshine today. Offshore flow will continue through the weekend with strongest foothill winds on Thursday and Saturday. Building high pressure will push daytime temperatures well above average. Next week a low pressure system to the south will draw up tropical moisture that could bring rain Monday and Tuesday.

### **Southeast California Weather:**

Strong northerly winds will develop over the lower the Colorado River Valley and adjacent areas. Additional cooling can be expected as well. Temperatures rebound over the weekend as high pressure builds in. Increased cloudiness and a slight chance of showers are possible early next week.



# **STATE WEATHER MAP**



Last map update: Jan, 21st 2015 at 6:07:21 am MST

# **FIRE ACTIVITY**

# Preparedness Levels

**National Preparedness Level 1** 

**Northern California** 

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 1

**Southern California** 

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

**California Fire Potential & Weather Maps** 

**Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential** 

http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php

**NWS California River Forecast Center:** 

http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/



# **RECOVERY ACTIVITIES**

# Magnitude 6.0 Earthquake, American Canyon, Napa County

- Cal OES and FEMA announced that the Major Disaster declaration for the South Napa earthquake will also include the Individuals
  and Households Program under the Stafford Act. This amendment makes assistance available to help homeowners and renters
  recover from the earthquake.
- As a result of President Obama's major disaster declaration, the U.S. Small Business Administration declared Napa and Solano
  counties, making residents and business owners eligible to apply for low-interested physical loss disaster loans. This declaration also
  made available low-interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) for businesses to apply in the primary counties of Napa and
  Solano, as well as the contiguous counties of Contra Costa, Lake, Sacramento, Sonoma, and Yolo.

## **Recovery Activities**

### **Public Assistance**

- RPA: 63 RPAs were received and 14 have withdrawn for a total of 49 FEMA approved open applications.
- Kickoff Meeting: 56 Kickoff Meetings have been completed leaving 1 remaining to be scheduled once through FEMA's review queue. It is currently anticipated all kickoff meetings will be complete by 1/7/2015.
- PW: 215 PWs are anticipated to be written as a result of the Napa Earthquake. Currently, 75 PWs are in draft, 63 PWs are entered into the federal database system, 51 of which have been obligated.
- Exit Briefing: 11 applicants have had Exit briefings conducted.

### Individual Assistance

- The FEMA and State VAL continue to work with nonprofit organizations in Napa County regarding Long Term Recovery efforts.
   The Napa Earthquake Recovery Group, aka, eNERGy will be holding a general meeting.
- Cal OES IA Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL) continues NGO coordination in Solano County. The Vallejo Earthquake Recovery Group (VERG), a long term recovery group, has formed and has established by-laws and elected an Executive Board. United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) will provide case management training to local organizations in Napa and Solano counties.
- The registration deadline for individuals and businesses to request FEMA and SBA assistance closed on Monday, 12/29/14.
- Assistance Centers The Local Assistance Center (LAC) in Napa transitioned to an SBA DLOC on Tuesday 12/30/14. The smaller operation maintains a presence by SBA staff. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.



# **RECOVERY ACTIVITIES**

### 2014 Statewide December Winter Storms

On 12/22/14, Governor Brown declared a State of Emergency in Marin, Mendocino, San Mateo, and Ventura Counties as a result of the statewide storms impacting California. At this time, Cal OES Regions and Recovery continue to work closely with all impacted operational areas to assess the impacts, losses, and costs of the December Winter Storm.

## **Recovery Activities**

### Public Assistance

• IDE field validations have been completed in Tehama, Marin, Sonoma, Lake, and San Mateo Counties.

### Individual Assistance

- On 1/2/15, SBA declared the primary county of San Mateo and the contiguous counties of Alameda, San Francisco, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz a disaster area.
- On 01/07/15, the San Mateo County South San Francisco Local Assistance Center (LAC) located at 329 Miller Avenue, SSF, transitioned to an SBA DLOC and will remain open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. 6 p.m. The DLOC closed on 01/15/15, at 6 p.m.
- On 1/16/15, a DLOC will operate at the Fair Oaks Community Center located at 2600 Middlefield Road in Redwood City. The DLOC will operate from 2pm-7pm on Friday only and will provide outreach to residents of the Harbor Trailer Park.
- On 01/07/15, SBA declared the primary county of Tehama and the contiguous counties of Butte, Glenn, Mendocino, Plumas, Shasta, and Trinity a disaster area.
- On 01/06/15, Tehama County opened a LAC at the Red Bluff Community Center at 1500 South Jackson Street, Red Bluff. LAC operations are 01/06/15, through 01/08/15, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. On 01/09/15, the LAC will transition to an SBA DLOC and will remain open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The DLOC will close on 01/16/15 at noon.

# **CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT**

# Cal EOC Incident - 2014 Drought

- The SOC, Inland, Coastal, and Southern REOCs and the Santa Barbara County EOC are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued an Executive Order on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought. Specifically, through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate a biweekly state interagency conference call regarding drought community impacts.

# **CAL OES Missions**

## **New Cal OES Missions**

- 2015-LAW-8347, 1/20/15, 2257 hours, Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) advised of a possible ALNOT which was enroute to Henderson, NV from an unknown airport. The plane was picked on radar in Edwards Air Force airspace in San Bernardino County near the CA/NV border. The aircraft later went off radar. Ramp checks have been performed at the Henderson airport as well as nearby airports with negative results. The California Civil Air Patrol has been activated and is currently searching for the aircraft.
- 2015-LAW-8363, 1/21/15, 0132 hours, AFRCC advised of an ELT sounding near the Seal Beach area, Orange County. Cal OES LDO is coordinating resources.

## **Ongoing Cal OES Missions**

• 2015-LAW-8339, Kern County Sheriff's Office requested VX31 helicopter from China Lake Naval Base to assist in searching for three missing persons where forensics evidence point to rugged terrain near Kennedy Meadows. Mission ongoing.



# Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.